

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, LE, IS, SY, PLO  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION

REF: STATE 076882

1. CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS AT HOME 1750  
HOURS APRIL 7 AND DELIVERED MESSAGE IN ACCORDANCE  
REFTEL. BOUTROS REFLECTED FOR MINUTE AND THEN SAID  
HE HAD JUST BEEN TALKING WITH PRESIDENT ABOUT SITUATION  
AND WAS DUE TO MEET WITH HIM TOMORROW MORNING (APR 8).  
HE WISHED TO DEFER RESPONSE ON QUESTION OF  
WHETHER TRUCE OR STANDSTILL POSSIBLE UNTIL HE HAD  
TALKED TO PRESIDENT. HE THEN BEGAN THINKING OUT  
LOUD AND ASKED HOW TRUCE COULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

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2. WE DISCUSSED THIS FOR FEW MINUTES AND DECIDED  
THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE COMMITMENT FROM SYRIANS  
TO RESTRAIN PALESTINIANS AND COMMITMENT FROM ISRAELIS  
TO DO SAME WITH LEBANESE CHRISTIAN FORCES. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN  
SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE TALK DIRECTLY TO PALESTINIANS  
BUT HE DID NOT THINK TIME WAS RIPE. AS FOR KFOUR FRONT,  
HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THAT GROUP ITSELF

TO GIVE COMMITMENT WITH REGARD TO CEASEFIRE UNLESS  
SOMETHING HAD FIRST BEEN ARRANGED THROUGH SYRIANS.  
THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOME COMMITMENT THAT, IF THEY  
STOPPED SHOOTING, OTHER SIDE WOULD NOT MOVE FORWARD  
BEYOND POSITIONS THEY NOW OCCUPIED. WE LEFT QUESTION  
IN REALM OF SPECULATION AND AGREED THAT HE WOULD GET  
IN TOUCH WITH ME TOMORROW NIGHT.

I ASKED HIM IF HE PREFERRED I NOT MAKE MY SCHEDULED  
TRIP TO DAMASCUS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY  
USEFUL FOR ME TO TALK TO MURPHY SO THAT ALL OF US  
COULD HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SYRIAN AND  
LEBANESE SITUATIONS.

4. AT LUNCH TODAY I HAD CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT  
WITH CAMILLE CHAMOUN, STARTING OFF BY ASKING HIM  
IF HE THOUGHT CEASEFIRE IN AREA WAS POSSIBLE. HE SAID  
IT WAS, BUT THAT ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT WAS FOR  
AMERICANS TO TALK FIR5A-1\*LR19\* "\*\*

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